

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—If there are any inconsistencies and if they have to be revised, the Labour Unions concerned may bring them to our notice and we will do the needful.

(b) the amount of compensation paid to workers in each year since 1952;

(c) how many cases are pending before the Commissioners of the Workmen's Compensation and from what period?

Accidents reported under Workmen's Compensation Act.

Q.—81. Sri D. VENKATESH (Gandhinagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of accidents reported under the Workmen's Compensation Act in the State since 1952;

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(a) 709.

(b) During 1952 ... Rs. 1,46,008.
During 1953 ... Rs. 19,342.

(c) Seventy-five cases are pending before the Commissioners for Workmen's Compensation as indicated in the statement below:

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of District</i>	<i>Number of cases pending</i>
1	Mandya District	... 1 case is pending since November 1953.
2	Hassan District ...	... Nil.
3	Kolar District—	...
	As on 1--4--1950...	... 9
	1950-51 ...	... 4
	1951-52 ...	... 1
	1952-53 ...	... 20
4	Chikmagalur District—	
	from 30--9--1953	... 2
	from 18--11--1953	... 1
5	Mysore District ...	... Nil.
6	Bellary ...	... 15 (pending from 1st October 1953).
7	Bangalore ...	... 18 (recently filed).
8	Chitaldrug ...	... 1 (pending for four months).
9	Tumkur ...	... 1 (pending since 30th September 1953).
10	Shimoga ...	... 2 (pending since 25th June 1951).
	Total	... 75 Cases

Sri D. VENKATESH.—Will the Government expedite the disposal of pending cases with regard to Kolar District?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—There has not been any delay as could be seen from the figures themselves. Everything is being done to expedite the disposal.

Sri D. VENKATESH.—There are about 34 pending cases in Kolar District. May I request you to expedite those cases?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Of the 34 cases, 20 cases are pending from 1952-53, 1 from 1951-52, 4 from 1950-51 and 9 from 1-4-1950. Even in those cases, courts have been trying to do their best because they have got to get materials from the parties concerned. Even that they will expedite.

Sri D. VENKATESH.—With regard to question (a), it has been stated that 709 accidents has been reported. Will the Government propose to take any measures by which they can reduce these accidents?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That is why in 1952 there were lesser number of accidents. We have been taking steps.

Hostels for Harijan boys and girls.

Q.—210. Sri P. R. RAMAIYA (Basavangudi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what special facilities are created by Government for the education of Harijan boys and girls of the school-going age ;

(b) how many Harijan Hostels for boys and for girls are being run by the Government and where they are run ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(a) Schedule appended below.

(b) There are ten Hostels for Harijan boys and one Hostel for Harijan girls. They are run by Government at the places noted below :—

1. Sri Narasimharaja Hostel,
Bangalore.
2. Depressed Class Hostel, Kolar.
3. Adikarnataka Boarding Home,
Chikmagalur.
4. Depressed Class Hostel, Shimoga.
5. Adikarnataka Boarding Home,
Tumkur.
6. Adikarnataka Boarding Home,
Hassan.
7. New Depressed Class Hostel,
Hassan.
8. Depressed Class Hostel, Mysore.
9. Depressed Class Girls' Hostel,
Mysore.
10. Depressed Class Hostel, Mandya.
11. Depressed Class Hostel,
Chitaldrug.

Schedule of the Educational facilities enjoyed by the Depressed Class pupils including Harijan pupils studying in the various grades of institutions in the State :—

The general policy governing the special concessions afforded to the Depressed Class pupils is as follows :—

General.—Education in all grades of schools and institutions is free to these classes and they are admitted free to all general schools without hindrance.

Fee Concessions.—Pupils of the Depressed Classes including Harijan pupils are exempted from payment of school fees and examination fees. Even as regards Sports and Reading Room and Medical Inspection fees, the Inspecting Officers have been empowered to grant exemption to the Depressed Class pupils in deserving cases.

Supply of Books and Slates.—Out of the annual grants made for Primary Schools for the free supply of Books and Slates to poor children, a sum of Rs. 3,334 is earmarked for Depressed Class pupils during 1953-54.

Free Supply of Clothes.—A sum of Rs. 3,000 is being provided every year for the free distribution of clothes to the Depressed Class girls in the Primary and Middle Schools.

Scholarships.—A sum of Rs. 72,495 is allotted during the year 1953-54 for the award of scholarships for the Depressed Class pupils in the State. The award of scholarships is at the rate of Rs. 7-8-0 per mensem in High Schools and Rs. 3 per mensem in Middle Schools.

Government Depressed Class Boarding Homes.—There are 11 Government Depressed Class Hostels. In these Homes which are spread all over the State, free boarding, lodging, medical help, books, beds, furniture and travelling allowances at a huge cost to Government are being provided. These Boarding Homes afford improved social and educational environment to the pupils. Physical exercises, drill and games are compulsory. Gardening is also carried on in these Homes. Every Boys' Hostel has invariably a Scout Troop. Weekly bhajanas form a regular feature of these Homes. These Homes have been made good use of by the Depressed Class Community in the State. They are managed by influential Committees consisting of officials and non-officials. An allotment of Rs. 1,19,778 is provided for the purpose during 1953-54.